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Office Action Summary

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10/615,677

Applicant(s)

ANDERSON ET AL.

Examiner

Luan K. Bui

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5-8, 12 and 32-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 6-8, 12 and 33-35 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Continued Prosecution Application

1. The Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on 1/30/2006 under 37 CFR 1.114 based on parent Application No. 10/615,677 is acceptable and a RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 5 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura (6,546,210) in view of Honma et al. (5,373,718; hereinafter Honma'718) and Guckenberger (5,630,308). Nakamura discloses a ream of print medium in a media wrapper (50) comprising a quantity of print medium such as paper (1) and a wrapper/wrapping means containing the quantity of print medium and the wrapper having a first end (51), a second end (52) and a perforation/separating means (53) disposed between the first and second ends and configured to split the wrapper to separate the first and second ends such that the first end is removed to expose the quantity of print medium. Nakamura further discloses a placement indicator (59) comprises a label and the wrapper (50) is made of vinyl sheet or hard resin (column 12, lines 22-24). Nakamura also discloses the other limitations of the claims except for a pull-tab being configured to split the perforation and the pull-tab comprises an extruded portion of the wrapper.

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Honma'718 shows a package (10) containing an article (12) comprising a wrapper (11) having a severing tape (13) configured to split the wrapper and the severing tape including a pull-tab (16, 16a) (Figures 3-4). Guckenberger teaches a package (600') comprising a wrapper (600) having a separating means such as perforations (125, 125') configured to split the wrapper and the separating means including a pull-tab (626') comprises an extruded portion of the wrapper (column 6, lines 65-67 and Figures 6-7). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art in view of Honma'718 and Guckenberger to modify the wrapper of Nakamura so the perforation includes a pull-tab as taught by Honma'718 to facilitate removing the wrapper and the pull-tab comprises an extruded portion of the wrapper as taught by Guckenberger so the wrapper and the pull-tab are formed during manufacture the wrapper to reduce the cost.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 6-8, 12 and 33-35 are allowed since the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the nap of the print media refers to differing surface textures of the print media as indicates by paragraph 0020 of the specification of the instant patent application.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to 1/30/2006 have been considered but are deemed to be moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Luan K. Bui whose telephone number is 571-272-4552. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mickey Yu can be reached on 571-272-4562. **The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300 for Formal papers and After Final communications.**

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